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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17521-revised.doc).

**Title: Designer Probiotics: Development and Applications in Gastrointestinal Health**

**Author: Roy D. Sleator**

**Name of Journal** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology

**ESFS Manuscript NO:** 17521

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 I agree with the reviewer's view that the paper is a well written mini-review and deserve on publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology in the present form.

2 I disagree with the reviewer's assertion that the manuscript is better suited to journals about food technology - this was an invited review on the subject of probiotic mediated intervention in acute and chronic gastrointestinal maladies; dealing specifically with bacterial and viral infections and associated sequelae.

3 I agree with the reviewer's view that the paper sets a novel and clear idea, gives a detailed description and will draw the readers' interests.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the **World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology**

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Roy D. Sleator'.

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